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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Kayoko MASAKI et al.

Serial No. 08/772,259

Filed: December 23, 1996



Group Art Unit: 2872

Examiner: T. Nguyen

For: LIGHT CONTROL ELEMENT AND SURFACE LIGHT SOURCE DEVICE OF
SIDE LIGHT TYPEAMENDMENTAssistant Commissioner
for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed December 4, 1998, and having a period for response set to expire on March 4, 1999. A Petition for a three-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to June 4, 1999. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (THREE TIMES AMENDED) A light control element, extending in a plane and spaced from a reflecting sheet, [having] to direct light emitted from a light source towards a display, comprising: